



Colwick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Colwick Parish Council, held in the Main Hall, Colwick Community Centre, at 7:00pm on Monday 21st January 2019

In attendance: Cllr Alison Nunn (Chair), Cllr Margaret Weatherbed, Cllr Janene Davis, Cllr Femi Op, Cllr Meredith Lawrence, Cllr Nicki Brooks and 17 electors from the community.

Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr Neil Pert and Cllr Andy Davis. Those in attendance accepted apologies.

2019.1 To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 19th November 2018.

Approved by Meredith, Janene, Margaret and signed by Chair Cllr Alison Nunn.

2019.2 Updates from Previous Minutes (no decisions can be made).

Jacqui Anderson emailed stating the parking issues on Fox Covert were due to residents parking outside their houses. Also wanted an update on the travellers issue and whether the Council were organising a public meeting.

Many attendees at the meeting believed the parking issues were also due to the park and ride as there are queues to get onto the Park and ride site during rush hour, so people are parking on the nearby roads. Cllr Brooks has raised this with Via (Notts County Council Highways) unfortunately they will not take any action as they are legally parking, however residents are concerned as this has the potential to cause an accident.

2019.3 Declarations of Interest specific to this agenda.

Cllr Meredith Lawrence unable to take part in discussion and decisions for planning consultation as he's a member of GBC Planning Committee.

2019.4 Observations from electors and reports from Borough and County Councillors.

Cllr Nicki Brooks Notts County Council update report as follows:

Nicki recently met with Neil Lewis from NCC Highways to attend site at the tin bridge steps, litter was highlighted as an issue which the Parish could address

with either volunteers or caretaker to remove. Also working towards getting the grit bin re-instated.

Planning application by Allsopps (Bentarka Ltd) – change of use to include recycling agricultural plastic within their operations. This is a retrospective application as these works are already operational at the site. Concerns raised by attendees regarding noise/pollution and plastics entering the water course. Cllr Brooks raised the issue and NCC planning admitted should have consulted more widely. A resident reported this was the second retrospective planning application as previously they varied change of hours. Residents urged all attendees if objecting to ensure they respond to consultation. Also complain to the Environment Agency re: noise/light pollution etc.

Cllr Meredith Lawrence:

Also met with Neil Lewis (see above) litter issues around the bridge need addressing, possibly request Scouts/Cubs to assist and use caretaker.

No progress to report on sub-station following planning permission.

Sol Construction site up for sale. Planning variation received from GBC to waive S106 requirements, specifically the education, highways and parks and open spaces contribution. Developers claim the planned development is not viable in terms of profit. District Valuer recommended the variation. GBC officers likely to turn down the variation.

Colwick Manor farm – no news – no planning received as yet as no details have been submitted.

Broken fence at rear of resident's properties off Sprey Close – network rail partially liable as on deeds of land ownership. Suggested Network rail discuss with home owners affected.

Cllr Margaret Weatherbed:

Rubbish on Loop Road between residents fence boundary and original Loop Road fence. Alison will email Via to request removal.

Several Arrow mini-buses parking on Valeside Road overnight, Alison will write to Arrow to request they park at their company depot not residential street.

2019.5 Correspondence-circulated during the meeting

- Latest edition of Parish Clerks and Council newsletter
- Rev Wendy Murphy from St Pauls, Carlton requesting grant to run breakfast club. All agreed only provide grants to causes within Parish area. Cllr Brooks suggested they contact GBC Cllrs for the Carlton area
- Via letter received re: roadworks on the Loop Road next Sunday and parking restrictions consultations on Ashwell Street and Knight Street, Netherfield.

2019.6 Planning Updates and Applications received

NCC planning application Ref 3936 – Bentarka Ltd – The Parish are to send objection due to potential contamination of the local river, deadline 31st January. Also urged residents to send objections if they feel strongly about this. Also report to Environment Agency (see above).

2019.7 Finance: Payments to be made/approved/noted.

Payments to be made for membership of NALC (Nottm Association of Local Councils) and Central Fire. Cllr's attending agreed payments to be made.

Circulated 'payments in' sheet since last meeting.

Setting the 2019/2020 budget - deadline Friday 25th January: Alison has calculated the provisional budget required from GBC for 19/20, this amount is slightly higher than last year and includes the costs for an election, funds for summer holiday activities and the newsletter.

2019.8 Main Business.

a) Recent Break-ins – Many residents attended to discuss this issue. Unfortunately there was no representative from Nottinghamshire Police present, however several items discussed. Meredith confirmed there had been a huge spike in the number of break-ins and burglaries in the Borough over the past few weeks.

A suggestion was to put up two lamp columns as the recent CCTV recording from a private resident's property footage wasn't clear due to lack of lighting. A resident asked whether Colwick Parish could erect the two lamp columns with permission from VIA, spurring off from existing infrastructure. There is a CCTV camera on a column at the junction of Valeside Road/ Colwick Loop Road and Mile End Road. Can we try to find out what this camera is for, is it

operational, if not can it be operational? Another suggestion was to cut back vegetation in area, possibly crown lift the trees, however in the past when this has been requested from Via they refused as they were required as a noise barrier.

There is a hole in fence off the loop road that provides for a 'rat run' Parish to ask Via if they can repair.

There was also a fly tipping hotspot identified off Vale side Gardens.

The parish will contact Via to address all the above concerns.

The Parish also advised local residents could consider a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the area, use the community centre to meet.

Overall the local residents do not feel the Police are doing enough to prevent the crimes, they say the Police are not attending, just issuing crime numbers – The Parish will escalate these issues to the Beat Manager at Notts Police, the contact is Andrzej Hawrylak, (email: Andrzej.hawrylak@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Parish to contact GBC Community Safety Dept to investigate CCTV highlighted above, report the break-ins and advise of fly tipping hotspots etc. Contact the Service Manager, email: andy.callingham@gedling.gov.uk

A ward walkabout with GBC and NCC is expected to take place in the Spring, this will benefit the ongoing action requests.

Footpath from Valeside Gardens onto Vale Road – very uneven surface caused by adjacent trees

b) School Holiday activities – resident highlighted previous issues with the travelling community on the recreation ground. Discussion re: inviting along David Wakelin to explain the eviction procedure, either organise a stand-alone Friday evening meeting or the Parish meeting. Alison will arrange then promote when it take places via Facebook/School/Pharmacy/Notice Board/community Centre and newsletter. GBC Parks Dept have carried out an audit of the parks to check for any weaknesses at entrance points, a height barrier has been fitted as a result. Suggestions from residents include digging a ditch to prevent access however it was pointed out that GBC need vehicular access to empty bins, cut grass, maintain facilities etc.

A local resident offered her help at the summer activities if we plan them for a Saturday/weekend.

We have had quotes in from Extreme Wheels and are awaiting some quotes from Gedling Play Forum and a response from GBC sports development officer re: making contact with local sports clubs to provide sports activities. Also we have received information from a local business who can provide outdoor cinema. The Parish are looking for volunteers to help plan the activities and possibly help on the day.

c) OAP Coach Trip - a Risk assessment has now been completed. It is intended to run another trip during 2019

d) Elections May 2019 – if the Parish council do not receive more than 9 cllr's or prospective Cllr's wishing to stand for the next term then there is a no requirement to organise an election. The Parish Clerk is attending a meeting at GBC to see how this will be administered this year.

A local resident has emailed the Council expressing an interest to become a Councillor. He can be co-opted onto the Council as there are vacancies, the Council do not have the full 9 Cllr's but they have sufficient to be quorate.

2019.9 Community Centre

a) Bookings for community Centre, Margaret and Meredith to lock and unlock for the Saturday's event. Volunteers required for 14th and 16th February bookings. Further bookings are coming in.

b) The Parish currently contracts with two separate businesses for the alarms, this needs amalgamating into one supplier. Cllr's agreed to do this. Alison has been liaising with the Electrician for replacement of light fittings and central heating timers. We need to purchase the defibrillator prior to getting electrician to fit. Local resident attending the meeting agreed to quote for materials at cost. The heating could also be timed to co-ordinate with centre bookings (similar to hive system). Alison also organised plumber to fix radiator leak in ladies loos and leak on the boiler. New condenser required. Janene agreed to obtain a quote from her contact at Hilarys for new curtains in Community Centre

We need to obtain quotes for decorator to decorate small hall if anyone is interested in progressing this.

Gas and Electricity renewal is due. Hygiene contract also due for renewal

2019.10 Ongoing Matters (brief updates, where necessary)

a) website – Neil has decided to resign from the Council effective from May 2019 but will continue with the website development. Also considering (if required) a new small set up business in Colwick area specialising in website development.

b) Ward Walk to be organised in Spring 2019. To invite GBC parks and street care and community safety staff, NCC, Local beat Manager

2019.11 Any other items that the Chairman considers urgent

Alison and Meredith received an email from Chris Belton, Headteacher at St Johns Primary School re: the community centre being used as an educational pre-school venue, providing 30 hours per week (not for profit). Cllr's agreed in principle to this. More information will follow.

2019.12 Date and time of next meeting

25th February 2019

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:00pm